

SEC. 5. That the board of trustees shall have power to appoint from their own number an executive committee which shall be clothed with the powers delegated to the executive committee under preceding organization of the University. Executive committee.

SEC. 6. That this act shall take effect from and after its ratification. When in force.

Ratified this 28th day of January, A. D. 1874.

CHAPTER LXV.

AN ACT TO RESTORE THE RECORDS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY.

WHEREAS, In May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, the court house in Washington county and many of the records therein were burned, Preamble.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That any person who is interested in any record or paper writing, which was so destroyed in the said court house in the county of Washington, whether in the Superior Court, the former courts of equity, the late county courts, or in the offices of the judge of probate and register of deeds, or any paper of any kind which was filed in the said court house or in the offices of register of deeds and judge of probate, or recorded among the records of said county and destroyed as aforesaid, if there is no adverse interest in the subject matter, may file his or her petition in the Superior Court of said county at term time; and the court may hear oral testimony, and shall find the facts or shall submit proper issues to a jury, and upon the findings of the court or jury the judge shall render his judgment according to the findings of the court or jury; and such findings and judgment shall be made a part of the records of said court. Restoration of records.